How far did the Romans change Britain, and what have they left behind?

Golden Threads Across the Unit

- **Change** – What changed when the Romans arrived?
- **Tradition** – Roman systems, routines, and organisation
- **Diversity** – Different viewpoints and interpretations
- **Legacy** – Long-term impact on Britain today

Roman Army
TRADITION

- The Roman army was highly **organised**.
- Soldiers trained every day.
- Formations like the **testudo** showed discipline.
- Military discipline and organisation were **central Roman traditions** that helped Rome control its empire.

Roman Towns & Daily Life
TRADITION

- Roman towns were **planned** with straight roads.
- Key buildings served **specific functions**.
- Daily routines followed Roman customs.
- Roman customs, building styles, and routines became **established ways of life** that lasted for centuries.

Feature	Purpose
Forum	Trade & meetings
Basilica	Law & government
Baths	Washing & social life
Villa	Wealthy homes

Chronology
CHANGE

- The Romans lived **after the Iron Age** and **before the Anglo-Saxons**.
- **BC** (Before Christ) counts **backwards** from the year 0.
- **AD** (Anno Domini) counts **forwards** from the year 0.
- Timelines help historians understand **when change happened**.
- The arrival of the Romans marks a **major shift** from Iron Age Britain to a more organised, urban society.

Chronology
CHANGE

- Julius Caesar attempted invasions.
- Emperor Claudius successfully invaded in **AD 43**.
- Britain became a **Roman province**.
- Invasions happen for **multiple reasons**.
- The invasion brought **new rulers, laws, soldiers, and systems**, changing how Britain was governed and defended.

Historical Skills

Historians use **evidence** to make claims. Arguments must be **supported and explained**.
Britain today shows **both Roman continuity and change**. By comparing past and present, we can judge **how Roman Britain still is today**.

Boudicca and the Iceni Rebellion
DIVERSITY

- Boudicca was Queen of the **Iceni**.
- The rebellion was caused by Roman mistreatment.
- Roman writers described Boudicca differently.
- The past can be understood in **different ways**, depending on **who tells the story** and **why**.

Roman Legacy in Britain Today
LEGACY

- Some Roman ideas are **still used today**.
- Others have **changed or disappeared**.
- Roman influence can be seen in everyday life.

Roman Legacy	Modern Example
Roads	Motorways
Laws	British legal system
Language	Latin roots
Numerals	Clocks & dates

1 I	6 VI	10 X
2 II	7 VII	50 L
3 III	8 VIII	100 C
4 IV	9 IX	500 D
5 V	10 X	1000 M